

SECTION 204

FILL CONSTRUCTION

204.1 GENERAL

Fill construction shall consist of constructing roadway embankments (including the preparation of areas upon which they are to be placed), the placing and compacting of approved material within areas where unsuitable material has been removed; and the placing and compacting of suitable materials in holes, pits and other depressions.

204.2 REFERENCES

- 204.2.1 ASTM
D 1557
D 4254

204.3 PLACING

204.3.1 Unless otherwise specified, the upper 6 inches of the original ground area upon which fills are to be constructed shall be compacted to a density of not less than 90 percent of maximum density as determined by ASTM D 1557, or in soils containing less than 5 percent passing the #200 sieve, a minimum relative density of 70 percent as determined by ASTM D 4254.

204.3.2 Rocks, broken concrete, or other solid materials which are larger than 4 inches in greatest dimension shall not be placed in fill areas where piles are to be placed or driven.

204.3.3 When fill is to be made and compacted on hillsides or where new fill is to be compacted against existing fill or where embankment is built 1/2 width at a time, the slopes of original hillsides and old or new fills shall be started wherever the vertical cut of the next lower bench intersects the existing ground.

204.3.4 Material thus cut out shall be recompacted along with the new embankment material at the CONTRACTOR's expense, unless the width of the bench required exceeds 4 feet, in which case the excavated material in excess of 4 feet will be measured and paid for as excavation.

204.3.5 Clods or hard lumps of earth of 6 inches in greatest dimension shall be broken up before compacting the material in embankment, except as provided in the following paragraph.

204.3.6 When the fill material includes large rocky material or hard lumps, such

as hardpan or cemented gravel which cannot be broken readily, such material shall be well distributed throughout the fill. Sufficient earth or other fine material shall be placed around the larger material as it is deposited so as to fill the interstices and produce a dense, compact fill. However, such material shall not be placed within 2 feet of the finished grade of the fill.

204.3.7 Embankment construction shall not be performed when material is frozen.

204.4 COMPACTING

204.4.1 Fill shall be constructed in compacted layers of uniform thickness and each layer shall be compacted in accordance with the requirements herein specified with the following exception.

204.4.2 Where fills are to be constructed across low, swampy ground which will not support the weight of hauling equipment, the lower part of the embankment may be constructed by dumping successive loads of suitable material in a uniformly distributed layer of a thickness not greater than that necessary to support the equipment while placing subsequent layers, after which the remainder of the embankment shall be constructed in layers and compacted as specified.

204.4.3 The placing and compacting of approved material within the project (where unsuitable material has been removed, and the filling of holes, pits and other depressions has been accomplished) shall conform to all of the requirements herein specified for compacting fills.

204.4.4 The loose thickness of each layer of fill material before compacting shall not exceed 8 inches, except as provided in the following paragraph for rocky material. The ENGINEER may authorize roadway fill materials to be placed in layers in excess of 8 inches thickness if the CONTRACTOR can demonstrate that the required compaction can be achieved for the full depth of the lift. However, in no case shall the loose layer exceed 24 inches. Each layer shall be compacted in accordance with the following requirements to a density of not less than 90 percent of maximum density, as determined by ASTM D 1557, or in soils containing less than 5 percent passing the #200 sieve, a minimum relative density of 70 percent as determined by ASTM D-4254. In areas of new or widened roadways and

required appurtenances, the density of the upper 12 inches shall not be less than 95 percent as determined by ASTM D 1557.

204.4.5 When fill material contains by volume over 25 percent of rock larger than 6 inches in greatest dimension, the fill below a plane 3 feet below finished grade may be constructed in layers of a loose thickness before compaction not exceeding the maximum size of rock in the material but not exceeding 3 feet in thickness. When more than 65 percent is retained on the No. 4 sieve, moisture and density control is not required.

204.4.6 The interstices around the rock in each layer shall be filled with earth or other fine material and compacted. Broken portland cement concrete obtained from the project excavation will be permitted in the fill with the following limitations.

204.4.6.1 The maximum dimensions of any piece used shall be 6 inches.

204.4.6.2 Pieces larger than 4 inches shall not be placed within 12 inches of any structure.

204.4.6.3 Pieces larger than 2 1/2 inches shall not be placed within 12 inches of the subgrade for paving.

204.4.6.4 "Nesting" of pieces will not be permitted.

204.4.7 At locations where it would be impractical to use mobile power compacting equipment, fill layers shall be compacted to the specified requirements, by any approved method that will obtain the specified relative compaction.

204.4.8 At the time of compaction the moisture content of fill material shall be optimum plus or minus 2 percent. Fill material which contains excessive moisture shall not be compacted until the material is dry enough to obtain the required relative compaction. Full compensation for any additional work involved in drying fill material to the required moisture content shall be considered as included in the unit price per Bid Proposal and no additional compensation will be allowed. Fills shall be maintained to the grade and cross sections shown on the plans until the acceptance of the contract.

204.5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Fill construction shall include excavation, placement, compaction and all

related work, and shall be measured in place after compaction. Payment will be made on the unit price per cubic yard for compacted fill unless otherwise noted on the Bid Proposal.